



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt resolution authorizing the City Manager to allocate Public **Benefit** Program funds in the amount of \$31,340 for the Lodi **Helping** Hands Project //;and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with the Rising Sun Energy Center to assist in the coordination and implementation of this project (EUD)

MEETING DATE: March 16,2005

PREPARED B Y Electric **Utility** Director

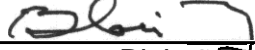
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to allocate a Public Benefits Program grant in the amount of \$31,340 to fund the Lodi Helping Hands **Project II**; and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with the Rising Sun Energy Center to assist in coordinating and implementing this project.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Electric Utility staff is proposing a new version of the 2003-2004 Lodi Helping Hands **Project**. The 2005 program proposes to utilize the services of the Rising Sun Energy Center, to assist in the hiring and training of several "energy specialists." These specialists will then provide free energy efficiency improvements & services to two hundred (200) low-income families throughout Lodi. When these 200 homes are completed by late 2005, the skills provided by these energy specialists will no longer be required.

Once **identified** and approved to participate in the program, the eligible families will receive some or all of the following products and services (* an initial needs assessment at the home will determine the actual goods and services **provided/performed**):

- 9 attic insulation;
- 9 door & window weather-stripping;
- 9 windows;
- 9 low-flow showerhead;
- 9 faucet aerator.
- 9 caulking;
- water heater blanket;
- 9 retractable clothesline;
- 9 EnergyStar® refrigerator (a total of 33 new, energy efficient refrigerators will be provided); and
- 9 in-home energy audit.

The \$31,340 Public **Benefits** Program funding will be utilized for the Rising Sun Energy Center to train the part-time energy specialists, to purchase retractable clotheslines, to purchase the 33 EnergyStar®

APPROVED: 
Blair King, City Manager

refrigerators (and dispose of any existing, inefficient refrigerators at the customer address), and for other program administrative and marketing expenses. In order to fund the other energy efficiency measures noted above, and to pay the energy specialists a per-home stipend, the Rising Sun Energy Center has received a \$70,000.00 financial allocation from Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG & E). Thus, the City of Lodi is able to partner with PG & E to assist a greater number of low-income families in our community.

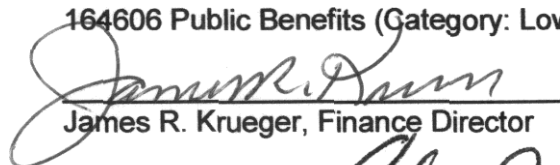
Electric Utility staff is also recommending that a contract be executed with Berkeley-based Rising Sun Energy Center to assist in managing this project. The Rising Sun Energy Center was utilized for the 2003 and 2004 Lodi Helping Hands *Projects*, and has repeatedly demonstrated an ability to organize and implement programs to assist low-income customers, both in Lodi and in other northern California communities. For these reasons, Electric Utility staff requests that the Lodi City Council dispense with going out to bid pursuant to Lodi Municipal Code 3.20.070.


Electric Utility ~~staff~~ respectfully recommends approval ~~of~~ the Lodi *Helping Hands Project II*, as a qualifying component of the City of Lodi Public Benefits Program, categorized as Low-Income Services.

FISCAL IMPACT: The total ~~fiscal~~ impact associated with the Lodi Helping Hands Project II is \$31,340.00. These funds have been earmarked in the 2004-2005 fiscal year Public Benefits Program budget, in the category of Low-income Services.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: 164606 Public Benefits (Category: Low-Income Services)

Funding Approval:


James R. Krueger, Finance Director


Alan N. Vallow
Electric Utility Director

Prepared By: Rob Lechner, Manager, Customer Service and Programs

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c: City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ALLOCATE PUBLIC BENEFITS PROGRAM FUNDS TO FUND THE LODI HELPING HANDS PROJECT II; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE RISING SUN ENERGY CENTER TO ASSIST IN THE COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT

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WHEREAS, the state has mandated that beginning January 1, 1998, the City of Lodi is obligated to fund various programs through a Public Benefits Charge based on an historical electric revenue requirement; and

WHEREAS, the requirement amounts to approximately \$1 million per year that must be dedicated to qualifying programs such as energy efficiency. A further stipulation is that these efforts must be done on the customer's side of the meter in order to qualify; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi's Public Benefits Program is comprised of four segments or customer groups: commercial/industrial, residential, community/non-profit, and municipal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi Electric Utility proposes to implement a new version of the Lodi Helping Hands Project, whereby the 2005 program proposes to utilize the services of the Rising Sun Energy Center to assist in the hiring and training of several "energy specialists"; and

WHEREAS, the specialists will then provide free energy efficiency improvements and services to 200 low-income families throughout Lodi; and

WHEREAS, once identified and approved to participate in the program, the eligible families will receive some or all* of the following products and services:

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- 9 door and window weather-stripping;
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- 9 retractable clothesline;
- 9 EnergyStar® refrigerator (a total of 33 new, energy efficient refrigerators will be provided); and
- 9 in-home energy audit.

WHEREAS, the \$31,340 Public Benefits Program funding will be utilized for the Rising Sun Energy Center to train the part-time energy specialists, to purchase retractable clotheslines, to purchase the 33 EnergyStar® refrigerators (and dispose of any existing, inefficient refrigerators at the customer address), and for other program administrative and marketing expenses: and

WHEREAS, in order to fund the other energy efficiency measures noted above and to pay the energy specialists a per-home stipend, the Rising Sun Energy Center has received a \$70,000.00 financial allocation from Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E). Thus, the City of Lodi is able to partner with PG&E to assist a greater number of low-income families in our community; and

WHEREAS, Electric Utility staff is also recommending that a contract be executed with Berkeley-based Rising Sun Energy Center to assist in managing this project. The Rising Sun Energy Center was utilized for the 2003 and 2004 **Lodi Helping Hands Projects** and has repeatedly demonstrated an ability to organize and implement programs to assist low-income customers, both in Lodi and in other northern California communities. For these reasons, Electric Utility staff requests that the Lodi City Council dispense with going out to bid pursuant to Lodi Municipal Code 3.20.070; and

WHEREAS, Electric Utility staff respectfully recommends approval of the **Lodi Helping Hands Project II** as a qualifying component of the City of Lodi Public Benefits Program, categorized as Low-Income Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby authorize the City Manager to provide a Public Benefits Program grant in the amount of \$31,340 to fund the Lodi's Youth Helping Hands Project II; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a contract with the Rising Sun Energy Center to assist in the coordination and implementation of this project.

Dated: March 16, 2005

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2005-53 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held March 16, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Johnson, Mounce, and
Mayor Beckman

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk